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SOPHIE and SUSIE  
GOODING

Who, with Grandpa Gooding and Mother  
Gooding and the Most Wonderful  
Birthday Present Ever Given  
to Little Twin Sisters,

APPEAR IN

**THE DOUBLE  
BIRTHDAY PRESENT**

THE NEW 1947 BOOK BY

**MABEL LEIGH HUNT**

# MABEL LEIGH HUNT —



~ AT THE AGE OF SEVEN YEARS—the exact age at which Sophie and Susie learned the secret of the double birthday present—had a few years to go before she would write her first book, LUCINDA: A LITTLE GIRL OF 1860. But shining in the countenance of this

Hoosier-born child is the warm intelligence and sensitivity which matured into the superb artistry that has established Mabel Leigh Hunt as one of the best-loved, most distinguished American authors of children's books.


This young Quaker miss grew up in an environment of good books and book-loving people. Her father was a country doctor with an ardent love for the classics. Her mother was always her constant inspiration and, later, her chief literary advisor. With this heritage and background, with her understanding love for children, and with a sense of humor as natural and as spontaneous as a child's chuckle, it is small wonder—and a decided blessing to American literature for children—that Mabel Hunt early resolved to dedicate her life and talents to the field of children's books. The years she served as a children's librarian at Indianapolis Public Library supplemented her natural gifts and early training with a lively, practical appreciation of what boys and girls need and like in their reading.

Miss Hunt has said: *I love and believe in children. I love and believe in books. Put the two together and you have my "confession of faith" in writing books for children.* The quality and the enduring vitality of the more than fourteen books she has published from LUCINDA in 1934 to THE DOUBLE BIRTHDAY PRESENT in 1947 testify that Mabel Leigh Hunt is fulfilling that faith in full measure.

# THE DOUBLE BIRTHDAY PRESENT

ILLUSTRATED BY ELINORE BLAISDELL

*Published August 1947*

OPHIE AND SUSIE GOODING were seven-year-old twin sisters, the most engaging, the friendliest twin sisters that anybody ever knew. Like all little girls, they looked forward to birthdays, but there was something very *special* about the twins' approaching Seventh.

The strange hammering and sawing sounds coming from Grandpa Gooding's workshop, his merry whistling, and the humpy shape of the Secret hidden under an old blue coverlet in a corner of the shop, provided Sophie and Susie with almost more speculative excitement than they could bear. On their Seventh Birthday the Secret was revealed—the most remarkable and delightful present ever invented for twins—a double rocking chair!

The twins' joy when the present was given to them, the strange, unbelievable things that happened afterwards—when these lovable twins began to quarrel and Sophie's pretty dimple disappeared so that not even Mother Gooding could tell one scowling twin from the other, and the tender, tearful, amusing events that carried everything through to a happy ending, insure that THE DOUBLE BIRTHDAY PRESENT will be a top, lasting favorite with the nation's young readers—in school and public library, and in the home.

*Elinore Blaisdell's exquisite illustrations, including a full-color frontispiece of the twins, many line drawings throughout the text, and attractive decorations capture the whole spirit and flavor of Miss Hunt's story. Grades 1-4. 53½" x 8" 64 Pages 1.50*

INDICATIVE OF THE WORTH AND CONSISTENT ARTISTRY OF MISS HUNT'S BOOKS IS THAT ALL OF THEM PUBLISHED TO DATE ARE LISTED IN THE A.L.A. BOOK LIST AND WILSON CHILDREN'S CATALOG.

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